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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2682

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 01986.0021-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Richard H. WARREN) Group Art Unit: 2682
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Serial No.: 09/216,036) Examiner: N. Mehrpour
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Filed: December 18, 1998)
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
PREVENTING SUN TRANSIT)
OUTAGES IN POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT)
SATELLITE SYSTEMS)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of April 18, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 and amend claim 8 in the manner noted in the attached
Appendix as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) An earth station for use in a point-to-multipoint
communication system including a small satellite antenna for transmitting a wide beam
communication signal and a plurality of adjacent geostationary satellites for

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